

**Mansfield Advisory Committee
on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities**
Tuesday December 18, 2012

Attendance: Fred Goetz (chair), Cristine Colon-Semenza, Jennifer Tanner, Gloria Bent, Donna Korbell, UCONN; Kevin Grunwald, staff
Regrets: Kathy Easley, staff

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by committee chair, Fred Goetz.

The minutes for November 27, 2012 were corrected to read, "By consensus the committee agreed to ask K. Grunwald to draft a letter to the Town Council asking about their plans for moving this project forward." (South Eagleville Sidewalk)

New Business:

Letter to Town Council re: Walkway

The Town Council meeting of 12/10/2012 was discussed in regard to concern expressed by some Town Council members about the committee's letter asking for clarification of the status of the South Eagleville Sidewalk. The committee affirmed it's practice of decision making by consensus, having all committee correspondence signed by the chair, and circulating drafts of agreed upon correspondence for approval via email between meetings for timely distribution.

Additionally the committee agreed to continue to monitor ongoing committee concerns under agenda item

“previously identified accessibility concerns” or
“accessibility issues previously identified.

UN Treaty on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
After discussion the committee agreed that G. Bent would draft a letter to Sens. Blumenthal and Lieberman expressing MACNPD’s disappointment in the Senate’s inability to bring ratification of the UN Treaty on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the floor for a vote. The draft will be circulated electronically for committee member input.

Old Business:

Accessibility issues previously identified

1. J. Tanner updated the committee on her contact with the Office of Disabilities at ECSU, who were grateful for the contact and contacted ECSU Facilities. An accessible facility has been added at the athletic fields.

2. Curb cuts

As requested at the November meeting, K. Grunwald has emailed L. Hultgren regarding the curb cuts. There has been no response yet. K. Grunwald will be attending the Transportation advisory committee meeting on Thursday, 12/20.

Committee members noted that it is not clear yet where curb cuts and/or crosswalks will be in Route 195 in the downtown area. The committee agreed that K. Grunwald will check on the plans to be sure curb cuts are included

Transportation Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed the pre-meeting packet for TAC, which meets Thursday, 12/20. TAC will be considering sidewalk construction priorities and the

addition of a shelter at the bus stop at the community center.

Review of PZC referrals

Whispering Glen

The committee's letter to the developers of Whispering Glen was returned, marked "addressee unknown." A building department staff member will send the letter via email and clarify the address.

High Ropes Course/Meeting with Lynn Stoddard

The committee has received communication from Lynn Stoddard that she is interested in meeting to hear committee ideas about accessibility and the proposed high ropes course. The committee asked K. Grunwald to determine possible dates for a Friday meeting between Ms. Stoddard and available committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Next meeting January 22, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bent, recording secretary